

**Sec. 23-208. Stormwater service charge rates.**

(a) Stormwater service charge rates may be determined and modified from time to time by the Columbia City Council so that the total revenue generated by said charges and any other sources of revenues or other resources allocated to stormwater management by the city council to the stormwater management utility shall be sufficient to meet the cost of stormwater management services, systems, and facilities, including but not limited to the payment of principal and interest on debt obligations, operating expense, capital outlays, non-operating expense, provisions for prudent reserves, and other costs as deemed appropriate by the city council. The following stormwater service charge rates shall apply:

(1) Detached single-family dwelling units. Detached single-family dwelling units, as defined by this ordinance, shall be billed for one equivalent residential unit, as defined in this article.

(2) Other developed lands. All developed lands not classified as detached single-family dwelling units, as defined by this ordinance, shall be billed for one equivalent residential unit for each 2,454 square feet or fraction thereof of impervious area on the subject property. There will be no service charge for developed lands with fewer than 600 square feet of impervious area.

(b) The stormwater service charge rate per equivalent residential unit, as defined in this ordinance, shall be \$1.97 per month for the first two years from the effective date of this article. Thereafter, the stormwater service charge rate per equivalent residential unit, as defined in this article, shall be \$3.95 per month.

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